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- (a) The General Assembly declares that:
 - (1) Minor children are not capable of protecting themselves; and
- (2) When a parent has relinquished the care of the parent's minor child to others, there is a possibility of certain risks to the child that require compensating measures.
 - (b) It is the policy of the State:
- (1) To protect minor children whose care has been relinquished to others by the child's parent;
- (2) To resolve doubts in favor of the child when there is a conflict between the interests of a minor child and the interests of an adult; and
- (3) To encourage the development of child care services for minor children in a safe, healthy, and home—like environment.

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